



FREMONT PLANNING BOARD

January 28, 2009

Meeting Minutes

Approved February 4, 2009

Present: Chairman Roger Barham, Co-Chair and CC Rep. John (Jack) Karcz, Member John (Jack) Downing, Building Official/Alternate Thom Roy, and Land Use AA/Recording Secretary Meredith Bolduc.

Selectman Gene Cordes joined the meeting at 7:20 pm.

Mr. Barham called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and appointed Mr. Roy as a voting member replacing Mr. Holmes for tonight's meeting.

Mr. Karcz made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2009 meeting as written. Motion seconded by Mr. Downing with unanimous favorable vote.

ALBERT WITHAM/COUNTRYSIDE ESTATES

Map 3 Lot 001

Mr. Barham reported that the Board received the notarized Affidavit from Mr. Witham that is to be filed with the original Countryside Estates Plan, but it does not conform to the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds requirements. Mr. Witham has been notified that the Affidavit needs to be correctly re-done and re-submitted.

RULES OF PROCEDURE, Amendment

Mr. Barham distributed an updated "rules of procedure" document for the Board to review.

It was noted that all of the changes recommended at last week's meeting have been made. Descriptions of "quorum" and "majority" have been added, RSA 673:14 (disqualification) has been spelled out, abstaining vote status has been clarified, and the amendment procedure has been modified.

Mrs. Bolduc said that she spoke with Chris Northrop at the Office of Energy and Planning about the amendment procedure and he said that reading of the document at two meetings is suggested in the OEP model, but it is not an RSA and can be modified. Mr. Northrop recommended that the Board finalize the rules at one meeting and accept them at another. He said that they must, however, be filed with the municipal clerk and recorded at the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds.

Mrs. Bolduc said she spoke with David Connell, Attorney with the Local Government Center and with Mr. Northrop relative to how an abstaining vote is counted and was advised by both that an abstaining vote is a non-vote. The Member is counted as present, but the vote is not counted.

The Members agreed to some modifications that will be done for next meeting.

1) #5 under Meetings; rename heading to *Member Replacement* and delete the first sentence – ~~Quorum: A majority of the membership of the Board shall constitute a quorum, including alternates sitting in place of regular members;~~ 2) delete the second sentence under Quorum- ~~The number of votes necessary to transact business shall be a majority of the entire membership of the Board, namely four votes.~~ 3) add the word “present” under Amendment so that sentence reads in part “*by a majority vote of the Members of the Board present*”.; 4) Research the time limit that the Board has to approve or disapprove an excavation application.

CORRESPONDENCES

There were no incoming correspondences.

Mr. Karcz made the motion to adjourn at 7:55 pm.

Motion seconded by Mr. Downing with unanimous favorable vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Bolduc, Land Use AA/Recording Secretary